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Judge Evans' speech at Joplin last Friday has the right ring. Read it over carefully.

Bryan is 48, sane and sound, and the only man with whom the Democrats can hope to win in the campaign of 1908.

The County Democratic Convention should guard against the mistake of not instructing its delegates to the State Convention for Bryan. Make the instructions good and strong.

"Why Democracy?" asks Mr. Bryan, and then answers the question: "Because the Democratic party is the only party sufficiently large to give hope of success and sufficiently democratic to give hope of relief after a victory has been won."

The Cape Girardeau Progress remarks: "Hon. J. L. Bradley of Desloge, St. Francois county, is very warmly supported for State Auditor by labor organizations round about there in recognition for the good services as Senator he rendered organized labor."

So far Hon. Elliott W. Major of "old Pike" has the field to himself for the Democratic nomination for Attorney General, and he is a good man to vote for for that place even if some other candidate should enter the race. He has a clean public record and is a lawyer of recognized ability.

Kansas City is not without assurance. It wants to furnish the State with both a Governor and State Treasurer. Well, we might stand Mr. James Cowgill for Treasurer, as he was nominated for that office in 1904 and went down in the slump, but Southeast Missouri is after the Governorship, and we would like to be excused from Mr. Cowherd and his specious "old guard" plea. There is too much suggestiveness about that "old guard" talk.

The New York State Democratic Committee having declared against Mr. Bryan, Chairman Connors exultingly exclaims: "We've got Bryan hornswoiggled for sure, and if fellows in half a dozen other States, with whom we are in correspondence, do as well as we've done, we will beat Bryan, nominate Johnson and sweep the country next fall." Yes, you will, nit! With your "special interests" you may be able to defeat the party at the general election, but you'll never "hornswoiggle" Bryan out of the nomination. If such a thing should by any possibility occur it would spell a bigger slump than you made with Parker.

The Supreme Court of the United States has decided against the Minnesota and North Carolina State railroad rate laws, sustaining the decision of lower Federal courts that the two-cent passenger rate was so low as to be confiscatory. The contention that the low rate is confiscatory is theoretical, because it has not been sufficiently tested, and in Missouri it is claimed by some that the railroads have lost nothing by the two-cent rate. However that may be, the Supreme Court has practically declared the rate laws of Minnesota and North Carolina unconstitutional, or that the lower Federal courts had jurisdiction to grant injunctions against the enforcement of these laws by State officers and the imposing of fines for their violation. It accentuates the issue of States' rights, and ought to stimulate the effort to secure congressional legislation restricting the

powers of these courts. If a Federal court may enjoin the enforcement of a State law regulating corporations, because the corporations complain against such regulation, on a mere untried theory that they are confiscatory, their power is greater than ever was intended or than any Court should be allowed to exercise. Justice Peckham, a Republican, in dissenting from the opinion, says it is the most important decision since the Civil War involving States' rights and will be attended by most pernicious results.

Mr. Ed. Byington is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for County Assessor, as appears from his announcement in The Times this week. Mr. Byington is too well known throughout the county to need any introduction, having served efficiently in the capacity of assessor several terms, and he is perfectly familiar with all the duties of the office. He is one of our progressive citizens and staunch Democrats, a good campaigner, and asks the careful consideration of his candidacy by all Democrats.

## Candidates' Announcements.

**For Sheriff.**  
JOHN L. BURNS announces his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Sheriff.

**For Assessor.**  
G. W. COVINGTON, present Justice of the County Court from the First District, announces his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Assessor.

THOMAS W. MARTIN authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Assessor.

ED. BYINGTON authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Assessor.

**For Prosecuting Attorney.**  
H. C. TUCKER authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for re-election as Prosecuting Attorney, subject to the Democratic nomination.

**Rheumatic Pains Relieved.**  
Chamberlain's Pain Balm relieves rheumatic pains and makes sleep and rest possible, which is alone worth many times its cost. R. F. Crocker, Esq., now 84 years of age and for twenty years Justice of the Peace at Martinsburg, Iowa, says: "I am terribly afflicted with sciatic rheumatism in my left arm and right hip. I have used three bottles of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and it did me lots of good." For sale by E. M. Laakman.

One strawberry grower in Jefferson county expects to ship 40,000 boxes of berries this season.

The first sermon ever preached in DeSoto was on April 26, 1858, and it is proposed that the son of Rev. Nathaniel Shumate be invited to preach on the fiftieth anniversary.

The American Lead and Baryta Co. of Washington county, which has been in the hands of a receiver for several months, was sold last Saturday at Sheriff's sale and brought \$200,000. Frank Carter is president of the purchasing company.

Elder R. D. McKinnis, a Baptist preacher of Dunklin county, who has charge of churches at Cardwell, Hornerville and Senath, has brought suit for \$25,000 damages against five prominent citizens of that section. They are charged with circulating reports detrimental to his moral character. One charge is that he stole some hogs and had them killed for his own use.

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## CONGRESSMAN M. R. SMITH "MAKING GOOD."

His Able Speech on the Prostitution of the Post Office Establishment Places Him in the Front Rank Among the Strong Men of Congress.

We are warranted in saying that the intellectual measurement of Madison R. Smith has been taken, and that by the leaders of Congress, he is regarded as one of the strong men of the National House of Representatives. If any doubt were heretofore entertained it was fully removed on the 3rd inst. when he delivered an able and exhaustive speech in the House on "The Prostitution of the Post Office Establishment by commercial detectives in encouraging conflicts between capital and labor; upbuilding of property rights to the degradation of the divine rights of man; labor and the courts; and the principle of the brotherhood of man in American business life."

His speech covers twenty-two pages of the Congressional Record, and is therefore too lengthy for a thorough review in our limited space. It is to be hoped that it will be printed in pamphlet form and distributed among the people of this district, as it is worthy of careful thought and consideration; for while it deals with labor questions, it also clearly demonstrates that the great corporate interests have such a firm hold on the Republican party and its leading officials, that they have been enabled to use the Post Office Department to crush to death every interest and every organization that has the manhood to oppose corporate greed and domination.

The main object of his bill, to which he was speaking, he says, "is to protect labor and trade unions in their lawful rights against the commercial sleuth, who has been described by a genius in description in these words: 'Who never did anything in his life but lie and cheat and scheme, for the life of a commercial sleuth is a living lie; that is his business; he lives one; from the time he gets up in the morning until he goes to bed he is deceiving people and trapping people and lying to people and imposing upon people—that is his trade.' Should my bill become a law, it would in a measure protect all voluntary associations from spies, imposters and traitors. Such organizations are admitted to be lawful and have a right to exist and prosecute the object of their creation."

The speech contains a full statement of Mr. Smith's observations while attending the trial of William D. Haywood at Boise, Idaho. The latter part of the speech gives a complete review of the attitude of the Federal courts towards the rights of property and the rights of men, wherein the courts "put the dollar above the man" and the artificial man (the corporation) above the natural man. His contention is proven by the citation of a list of thirty Federal cases wherein the courts have warranted these conclusions and observations. Truly it is a great speech, worthy of careful consideration, and we join the Fredericktown Democrat-News in the following very favorable comment: "The Congressional Record of March 7th contains a lengthy and very able speech by our congressman, Hon. M. R. Smith, delivered in the House of Representatives on the 3d inst. on prostitution of the post office by commercial detectives in encouraging conflicts between capital and labor, on the upbuilding of property rights to the degradation of the divine rights of man, on the restraint of organized labor by the federal courts and on the just application of the brotherhood of man in American business life."

"The speech is so extensive we regret we cannot afford space sufficient to even summarize much less analyze it, as we would like to, but we conclude it will be published and generally circulated in pamphlet form. It is sufficient for us to now say that we have had no speech heretofore from any congressman representing this district that will rank in intellectuality and high, just many times with this set speech by Mr. Smith. It is a speech to delight laboring men, students and scholars alike. Particularly is the helplessness of labor in this day in its depressed contracts with capital set forth."

The last part of the speech wherein Mr. Smith shows how the rights of labor and of man are ignored by the federal courts, who put property rights above human right, is pitched at a high key and is in perfect good taste as is the entire speech. There is no rant, fuss or demagoguery in the entire speech, it reflects deep thought and is delivered from the standpoint of a Christian and a patriot. Its doctrines proclaim the dawn of a change for the better, when the rights of man and the protection to labor will be as fully considered and upheld by the federal and all other courts as they now consider and uphold the rights of property."

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## Life's Spice

"Variety is the spice of life."

By S. McK. F.

It is said that the preachers object very much to the "Merry Widow" hat that is in vogue for spring wear. The circumference of the hat is from twenty-two to thirty-six inches, and it may be readily seen that not more than three wearers of such hats could occupy one pew. It is likely this will be one of the fads that will die from rapid growth.

A St. Louis paper announced the other day that "fudge" was no longer the delight of the girl with the chafing dish, for a new candy, "divinity," had just been introduced. Certainly the St. Louis school girls are not so far behind the times as that, for the recipe for "divinity" was published in The Times more than a year ago.

I make my best bow to the Flat River public schools for their progress and up-to-date methods. Superintendent W. L. Johns secured the traveling art gallery, known as the Turner Art Exhibit, for four days. The collection comprises several hundred copies of the best known pictures in the world, both the old masters and modern painters being represented. Some are in color and others are in the brown or gray tints. The pictures were displayed in the Domestic Science Hall at Flat River, and a small admission fee was charged. This fund will be used to purchase some of these pictures for the decoration of the various school rooms. It is of great educational value to a child to see and be made familiar with the best in art, and this is the object of the traveling gallery. Each afternoon and evening there was a specially prepared program and reception, that Friday afternoon being to the Mother's Club of Flat River, a club composed of liberal minded women who have accomplished much good. Refreshments were served by the girls in the Domestic Science class, which gave the visitors an opportunity of seeing how very complete was the outfit used in this important study. Here again is Flat River ahead of Farmington, but the lead companies have generously built and equipped this building and are paying all expenses this year. It was interesting to watch the children who came in to see the pictures, and they were always anxious to listen to any one who talked about any particular picture. It is a matter of regret that no notice was given in the Farmington papers of this exhibit, for many would have availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting the display. It is probable that an effort will be made to secure this display for Farmington some time later, and there is no doubt that it will prove profitable to the club that secures them.

I am told that the Mothers' Club at Flat River has accomplished much good in the matter of interesting mothers in the school life of their children, and in being brought into touch with the teachers through this work. They are well satisfied with the work of their first year, and hope to accomplish much more in the future. They are contemplating taking up the play ground proposition, as suggested by the physical education department of the State University, where the children are taught games and trained in various exercises under a competent instructor. It seems to me that this would be a fine thing for Flat River, because few homes have spacious grounds or facilities for playing. There is a rumor that the Business Men's Club of Farmington are considering the establishment of such a play ground here. Now, really, wouldn't it be better to invest the \$300 needed for this in that Town Clock we are all crying for. There are spacious grounds in nearly all our homes, and there is not that large element of uncared for children to be found in the cities, so it seems to me there is no need for it. But that Town Clock would help ward off nervous prostration for some of us. I don't believe there are any two clocks in town that have the same time. I know I find it impossible to make my three clocks strike at the same time, and the question is, which one is right. Especially is this the case when you want to catch a car. You either spend lots of time standing on the corner, or suddenly discovering that your clock is wrong, you make a mad rush for the car, and sometimes you get it and sometimes you don't. So please do, somebody, talk up the Town Clock. There is a nice little nest egg on hand, and it ought to grow into good proportions, provided there is "a long pull, a strong pull and a pull all together." Please pull.

There is a story in the April Home Journal that I commend to all young mothers, and it may be read with profit by some older mothers. Sometimes, when I read a story, I feel almost as if I had written it myself, for it puts my thoughts on that subject into being. It deals with the young mother, and the chapter is "When as a young mother she sets the pace," and there is a fine sermon and lesson in it.

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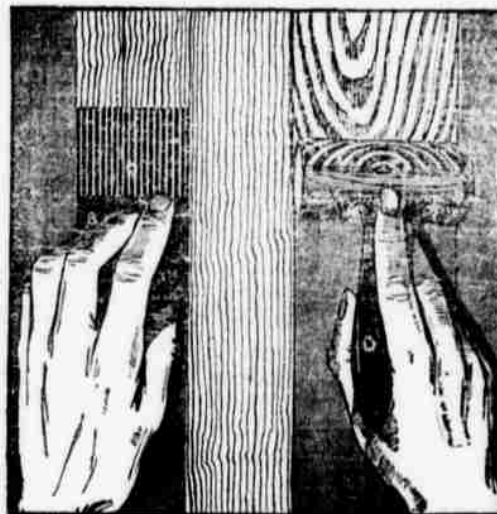
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